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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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Applicants: Yamaguchi, Hiroyoshi; Shimizu, Eiji
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-
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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Filing Date Granted" mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 13, 2001, the following documents are enclosed to complete the filing of the above-identified patent application:

1. A declaration signed by the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.
2. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-314327 filed October 13, 2000.
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Filing Date Granted.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2386:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

It is hereby respectfully submitted that the enclosed documents complete the filing of the above patent application and justify the filing date of October 12, 2001. Please telephone the undersigned at , if there are any questions. This form is being submitted in duplicate.

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